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General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/71/L.58: Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (A/C.5/71/19 and A/71/827))	
	Informal consultations on agenda item 140 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/71/34, A/71/34/Corr.1 and A/71/779))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 133 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement activities in the United Nations Secretariat (A/71/681, A/71/823, A/70/676 and A/70/676/Add.1))	

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2017 substantive session

Sub-Working Group 1

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

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Sub-working Group 4

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 2

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/71/587, A/71/587/Add.1, A/71/658–S/2016/1018 and A/71/660–S/2016/1033) [item 7]

[*PaperSmart* will be offered as an additional service for the 2017 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal by *clicking here* in all official languages.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat via the e-deleGATE electronic portal (https://delegate.un.int).

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

Informal preparatory meeting

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

[The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the eighteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions, permanent observer missions and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the eighteenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus has also been posted on the website of the Division (*click here*).]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Forty-third session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eleventh session

Burundi configuration

10:00 to 13:00 Informal meeting Conference Room 1

Security Council

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

10:00 to 13:00 2nd meeting [webcast] General Assembly Hall
Overflow room: Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers [item 1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.6/2017/1 and E/CN.6/2017/1/Add.1/Rev.2) [item 2]
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

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(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: women's empowerment in the changing world of work (E/CN.6/2017/3)

(ii) Review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls (E/CN.6/2017/4)

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: empowerment of indigenous women

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters (A/71/38, E/CN.6/2017/6, A/HRC/35/3, E/CN.6/2017/7 and E/CN.6/2017/10)

Opening statements by

Secretary-General of the United Nations

President of the Economic and Social Council

President of the General Assembly

Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Representative of the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

Youth representative

General discussion

[For the latest list of speakers, please *click here*.]

15:00 to 18:00 — 3rd meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2017/2, E/CN.6/2017/5, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/3 to E/CN.6/2017/131, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/220 and E/CN.6/2017/NGO/221) [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: women's empowerment in the changing world of work (E/CN.6/2017/3)

Parallel ministerial round tables [webcast]

15:00 to 16:30 — Conference Room 4

Round table A: Gender pay gaps in the public and private sectors: how can equal pay for work of equal value be achieved in the changing world of work?

16:30 to 18:00 — Conference Room 4

Round table B: Technology changing the world of work: how can technology and innovation be harnessed to accelerate women's economic empowerment?

15:00 to 16:30 — Conference Room 2

Round table C: Informal and non-standard work: what policies can effectively support women's economic empowerment?

16:30 to 18:00 — Conference Room 2

Round table D: Full and productive employment and decent work for all: how can Sustainable Development Goal 8 be realized for women by 2030?

[For the latest lists of expressions of interest, please *click here*.]

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (please *click here*). The *list of side events* on the occasion of the sixty-first session of the Commission is available by *clicking here*.

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixty-first session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to e-mail papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council* in the work of the Commission is available by *clicking here*. As requested in relevant resolutions, the *reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council* are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixty-first session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.]

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Briefing on "Water at the United Nations: UN-Related Activities in the Water Sector" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland, Switzerland and Thailand)

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Monzon, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail mita.thaimission@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 146).

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Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 15 March 2017

10:00 2nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org)).

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2017 and 28 February 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

High-level Dialogue

Thursday, 23 March 2017

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly will convene a High-level Dialogue entitled "Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Agenda". For more information on the event, please *click here*.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, and United Nations system entities, wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un org)). Statements in the plenary debate should not exceed *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group and *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 February 2017 and 14 February 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

Tuesday, 14 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

Third session

27 March to 7 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.1 and A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

States representing Groups of States wishing to be inscribed on the *list of speakers* are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail salpin@un.org).

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the third session of the Preparatory Committee. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart8@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred. To access the PaperSmart of the Preparatory Committee, please *click here*.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hardcopies* of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour before* delivery of the statement.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the session can be consulted by *clicking here*.

United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination
27 to 31 March and 15 June to 7 July 2017

The United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/258 of 23 December 2016.

The agenda of the Conference and the timetable of meetings of the March session of the Conference are contained in documents A/CONF.229/2017/2 and A/CONF.229/2017/3, respectively.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants will be issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the *general exchange of views*, including the *high-level segment*, are requested to inscribe with the United Nations Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (nuclear.conference@un.org), indicating the name and title of the speaker, as well as the topic they wish to speak on. The *list of speakers* will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that ministers and senior officials speak first, followed by other heads of delegation.

Delegations participating in the *general exchange of views* during the March session of the Conference are encouraged to limit their statements to *ten minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal of the Conference only after delivery by delegations. Also a minimum of *30 copies* of the text of statements to be delivered at the Conference should be submitted in advance to the Secretariat.

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Room S-3604, S-3633 or S-3639), if possible *not less than one week before Monday, 27 March 2017*. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Copies of the credentials should also be transmitted to the Protocol and Liaison Service (e-mail unprotocol@un.org; Room S-0201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Permanent representatives and observers are kindly requested to submit a *comprehensive list of the members of their delegation* to the Conference, including the functional titles and affiliations of each member, to the Secretariat of the Conference (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org; Room S-3058) *no later than Friday, 31 March 2017*. A final comprehensive list of delegations to the Conference will be issued in August 2017.

The *participation of non-governmental organizations* in the Conference shall be governed by the decision adopted by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017 (A/CONF.229/2017/4). A note by the Secretariat containing information for civil society representatives has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/2.

It is strongly recommended that documents submitted by States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities *should not exceed five pages* (2,650 words) to reduce costs, facilitate translation and ensure timely issuance. States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities are requested to submit documents in Microsoft Word format to the Conference Secretariat (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org). In light of the short timeframe in which the Conference will conduct its work, advance and unedited submissions may be posted in their original language on the Conference website maintained by the Office for Disarmament Affairs upon request, pending their issuance in six languages.

Limited space for lunchtime *side events* is available in the main conference room assigned to the Conference. Delegations wishing to hold a lunchtime side event in Conference Room 4 (27 to 31 March) or Conference Room 1 (15 June to 7 July) are invited to contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-2378), with a copy of the request to nuclear.conference@un.org. The available space will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the Conference website.

Disarmament Commission
2017 substantive session
3 to 21 April 2017

Monday, 3 April 2017

10:00 **Opening meeting** Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate are invited to kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The Secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail vrastiak@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the name(s) of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-seventh session
5 to 23 June 2017

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 19 May 2017*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (304 East 45th Street, Room FF-700; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eleventh session

Central African Republic configuration

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 Informal meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Security Council

Tuesday, 14 March 2017

10:00 Security Council Chamber

Open debate on "Trafficking in persons in conflict situations: forced labour, slavery and other similar practices" (S/2017/198), in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security"

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure (e-maildpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Economic and Social Council
2017 session

Partnership Forum

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 2017 Partnership Forum on the theme "Partnerships for promoting opportunities, increased prosperity and sustainable development for all".

The forum will be interactive in nature and there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. Delegations are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail leonc@un.org), with copy to yogasundram@un.org, *as early as possible*. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum *no later than 12:00*, on Tuesday, 4 April 2017, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available from the website of the Economic and Social Council (please *click here*). For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Ajit Yogasundram (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; or tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)).

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

Friday, 7 April 2017

10:00

Economic and Social Council Chamber

The special meeting will be held pursuant to Council resolution 2017/2 and decision 2017/209. The special meeting will hold interactive discussions and a general discussion.

The interactive discussions will have a free-flowing format, with interventions limited to *three minutes*. There will be no list of speakers during the interactive discussions.

Requests for inscription to the *general discussion* to be held from 17:15 to 17:50 should be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org), with copy to Ms. Isabel Tañedo (e-mail tanedo@un.org)). Statements shall not exceed *three minutes* for individual delegations, and *five minutes* for groups.

PaperSmart services will be available to delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically. Please send a copy of the statement at *least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal (*click here*) after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

For further information on the special meeting, including the concept note and tentative programme, please *click* here, or contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; Room DC2-2186).

Coordination and management meeting

19 to 21 April 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than Thursday, 30 March 2017*, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (Attn: Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mails constablem@un.org and ecosocelections@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Commission on Population and Development
Fiftieth session

Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 April 2017 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2017/1 and E/CN.9/2017/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail giles@un.org; Room S-3066; with copy to leu@un.org).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 3 (General debate on: (a) Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the global, regional and national levels; and (b) Special theme of the fiftieth session of the Commission based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions to accelerate its further implementation), will be held from Monday, 3 April 2017 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2017/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For *statements and PaperSmart arrangements*, delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages (*click here*).

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least one hour* in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring 30 copies of their statements for technical services.

The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission, can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fifty-first session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fifty-first session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its fiftieth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Event on "First Anniversary of the Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Jordan and Norway)

Tuesday, 14 March 2017

12:00 to 13:30 Conference Room 1

All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations agencies are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sonia Sughayar, Permanent Mission of Jordan (e-mail sonia.ny14@gmail.com).

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

Tuesday, 14 March 2017

15:00 to 17:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group

Wednesday, 15 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Workshop on "Introductory Seminar on Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Monday, 20 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Interactive discussion on "Multilingualism, a Core Value of the United Nations, a Requirement for Efficiency" (on the occasion of the International Day of La Francophonie and the French Language Day at the United Nations) (organized by the International Organization of La Francophonie (IOF), in collaboration with the United Nations Secretariat-wide Coordinator for Multilingualism)

Monday, 20 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Dimitra Kritikou, IOF (e-mail dimitra.kritikou@francophonie.org or reper.new-york@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771); or *click here*.

Round-table discussion on "Preventive Diplomacy: A Soft Power Tool" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC))

Monday, 20 March 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 9

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mehrangez Rafieva, UNAOC (e-mail mehrangezr@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Briefing on "2017 Global Infrastructure Forum" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the European Investment Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact DESA (Mr. Arend Janssen (e-mail janssena@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5620); or Ms. Jie Wei (e-mail weij@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5105)); or *click here*.

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2017, as follows:

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (20 June 2017), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (*click here* for general information);

Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (22 June 2017), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information); and

Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (28 June 2017), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room S-1309). For any clarifications on these elections, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2017*:

Security Council documentation

Introduction to legal resources

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches (French)

Voting information (French)

Treaty research

Introduction to library services

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Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

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The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 10 March 2017

Security Council

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7896th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2017/189)

The Security Council observed a minute of silence in memory of the victims of Wednesday's attack on Kabul military hospital.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Netherlands, Pakistan, Spain and Turkey to participate in the meeting, in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Tadamichi Yamamoto, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, and Dr. Sima Samar, Chair of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, to participate in the meeting, in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Yamamoto and Dr. Samar.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Ethiopia, Italy, Sweden, France, China, Senegal, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Egypt, Uruguay, Kazakhstan, the United States, Ukraine and the Russian Federation, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Germany, Pakistan, Turkey, the Netherlands, India and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency João Vale de Almeida (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Belgium, Spain and Canada.

7897th meeting

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. O'Brien.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, France, Uruguay, the United States, Japan, Sweden, Kazakhstan, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Egypt, Italy, Ukraine, China, Ethiopia and Senegal, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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71st plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/71/764/Add.1, A/71/764/Add.2, A/71/764/Add.3 and A/71/764/Add.4) [item 138]

The General Assembly took note that Cabo Verde, Djibouti, Dominica, the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea and Yemen had made the payment necessary to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/71/764/Add.1, A/71/764/Add.2, A/71/764/Add.3 and A/71/764/Add.4).

Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/71/L.59) [item 123]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 123.

The representative of Egypt made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/71/L.59.

The representative of the Philippines made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/71/L.59 (resolution 71/278).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Malta (on behalf of the European Union and its member States, as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine), Australia (also on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Switzerland), the United States, Uruguay, Brazil, Ukraine, Norway, Senegal, El Salvador and Argentina.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Ethiopia, the Russian Federation, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

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27th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Standards of accommodation for air travel

The Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Central Support Services, introduced the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel (A/71/741 and A/71/741/Corr.1).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/71/822).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Friday, 10 March, in the afternoon, and would be coordinated by Mr. David Karlsson (Sweden).

Special political missions: Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/71/L.58 on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, introduced in one statement the reports of the Secretary-General on: estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, in particular on Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels: Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/71/365/Add.9); and on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/71/L.58 on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (A/C.5/71/19).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/71/595/Add. 9 and A/71/827).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Chad (on behalf of the African Group), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Pakistan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question of special political missions, in particular on the Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, would be held on that day, Friday, 10 March, in the afternoon, and would be coordinated by Mr. Scott-Marshall Harper (Australia).

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question of the programme the budget implications of draft resolution A/71/L.58 on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, would be held on Monday, 13 March, in the morning, and would be coordinated by Mr. Haseeb Gohar (Pakistan).

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-eighth session

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7th meeting

The Chair opened the meeting and made a statement.

Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division) [item 5]

The Commission began its consideration of the item and heard an oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representative of China, as well as by the observers for Thailand, Samoa (on behalf of the Small Island Developing States) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics.

The Commission took note of the proposed programme of work of the United Nations Statistics Division for the biennium 2018-2019, as presented in the oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [item 3 (a)]

The Commission continued its consideration of the sub-item and had before it the final version of the draft resolution submitted under this item, entitled "Work of the United Nations Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", which was circulated in the room in an informal paper, in English.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, Switzerland, Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, Germany, the United States, Japan, the Russian Federation, Italy, Latvia, Brazil, China, New Zealand, Colombia, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and Angola, as well as by the observers for Uganda, India, Suriname, Argentina, Canada, the Philippines, Samoa (on behalf of the Small Island Developing States), Uruguay, South Africa, Denmark, Norway, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Australia, Bahrain (on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Bangladesh, the Sudan, Mongolia, Israel, Indonesia, Hungary, the Dominican Republic, Tunisia, Paraguay, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand,

Algeria, Malta, Egypt (on behalf of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) and Panama.

Statement was also made by the observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission [item 6]

A representative of the Statistical Services Branch of the Statistics Division of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs introduced the provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission, contained in document E/CN.3/2017/L.2, and a note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission 2017-2021, contained in document E/CN.3/2017/34.

A statement was made by the observer for Suriname.

The Commission approved the draft provisional agenda for its forty-ninth session, as outlined in document E/CN.3/2017/L.2, and its multi-year programme of work, as contained in document E/CN.3/2017/34.

The Commission also approved the proposed dates of its forty-ninth session.

The Director of the Statistics Division of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Statement was also made by the observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session [item 7]

The Rapporteur, Ms. Aija Zigure (Latvia), introduced the draft report of the Commission, contained in document E/CN.3/2017/L.3, and a related informal paper containing the draft decisions of the session.

During the Commission's consideration of the informal paper, statements were made on the text by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Mexico, Sweden, the United States, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Belarus, China, Italy, Switzerland and Colombia, as well as by the observers for India, Suriname, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Panama, Australia and Mongolia.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Director of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

8th meeting

Report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session [item 7]

The Commission continued its consideration of this item and heard a statement by the representative of Mexico.

The observer for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Commission adopted its report for the session, as contained in document E/CN.3/2017/L.3, together with the draft decisions contained in the informal paper, as orally amended during the consideration of the item. The Commission also agreed to entrust the Rapporteur with finalizing the report.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of item 7.

Closure of the session

The Chair made a closing statement and declared the forty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission closed.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Cabo Verde
His Excellency José Luis Fialho Rocha

Asia-Pacific States
Malaysia
His Excellency M. Shahrul Ikram Yaakob

Eastern European States
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vlad Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States
Guatemala
His Excellency Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales

Western European and other States
Germany
His Excellency Harald Braun

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

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Security Council

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Programme of meetings and agenda

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Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Security Council

10:00 — 7898th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Maintenance of international peace and security

   Trafficking in persons in conflict situations: forced labour, slavery and other similar practices

   Letter dated 7 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2017/198)

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General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

10:00 2nd meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

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[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2017 and 28 February 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:

Lessons learned exercise on the coordination activities of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (A/70/737, A/70/737/Corr.1 and A/71/810)

Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/71/741, A/71/741/Corr.1 and A/71/822))

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2017 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 10:45 Closed meeting — Conference Room 1

Sub-Working Group 1

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 4

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 2

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 11

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/71/587, A/71/587/Add.1, A/71/658–S/2016/1018 and A/71/660–S/2016/1033) [item 7]

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda
2. United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-third session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 6

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

10:00 to 14:00 4th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/71/38, E/CN.6/2017/2, E/CN.6/2017/3, E/CN.6/2017/4, E/CN.6/2017/6, A/HRC/35/3–E/CN.6/2017/7, E/CN.6/2017/10, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/3 to E/CN.6/2017/NGO/131, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/220 and E/CN.6/2017/NGO/221) [item 3 as a whole]

Continuation of general discussion

[For the latest list of speakers, please *click here*.]

10:00 to 13:00 4th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Priority theme: women's empowerment in the changing world of work (E/CN.6/2017/3) [item 3 (a) (i)]

High-level interactive dialogue among ministers on "Building alliances to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the changing world of work"

[For the latest lists of expressions of interests, please *click here*.]

14:00 to 19:00 — 5th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/71/38, E/CN.6/2017/2, E/CN.6/2017/3, E/CN.6/2017/4, E/CN.6/2017/6, A/HRC/35/3–E/CN.6/2017/7, E/CN.6/2017/10, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/3 to E/CN.6/2017/NGO/131, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/220 and E/CN.6/2017/NGO/221) [item 3 as a whole]

Continuation of general discussion

[For the latest list of speakers, please *click here*.]

15:00 to 18:00 — 5th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2017/3 and E/CN.6/2017/4) [item 3 (a)]

Interactive dialogue with ministers on "Accelerating implementation of commitments to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls"

[For the latest lists of expressions of interests, please *click here*.]

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (please *click here*). The *list of side events* on the occasion of the sixty-first session of the Commission is available by *clicking here*.

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Group of 77 (on oceans)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (facilitation on the activation of the Courts jurisdiction over the crime of aggression)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

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Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Monday, 20, and Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 Conference Room 2

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

15:00 **Conference Room 2**

Informal consultations on the zero draft of the "Call for Action" to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 March 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

10:00 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

15:00 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

The President of the General Assembly will convene a working-level dialogue to discuss improving the integration and coordination of the work of the United Nations on the water-related goals and targets under its sustainable development pillar, with a particular emphasis on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 February 2017 and 10 March 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

High-level Dialogue

Thursday, 23 March 2017

10:00 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

15:00 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

The President of the General Assembly will convene a High-level Dialogue entitled "Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Agenda". For more information on the event, please *click here*.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, and United Nations system entities, wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org)). Statements in the plenary debate should not exceed *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group and *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 February 2017 and 14 February 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Friday, 17 March 2017

11:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold an interactive conversation about the latest political developments and the current situation in the State of Palestine, with Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, on the margins of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

It is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations system entities, United Nations Secretariat and accredited civil society organizations, as well as to the media. To register, please *click here*.

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

Third session

27 March to 7 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.1 and A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

States representing Groups of States wishing to be inscribed on the *list of speakers* are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail salpin@un.org).

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Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hardcopies* of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour before* delivery of the statement.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the session can be consulted by *clicking here*.

United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination

27 to 31 March and 15 June to 7 July 2017

The United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/258 of 23 December 2016.

The agenda of the Conference and the timetable of meetings of the March session of the Conference are contained in documents A/CONF.229/2017/2 and A/CONF.229/2017/3, respectively.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants will be issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the *general exchange of views*, including the *high-level segment*, are requested to inscribe with the United Nations Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (nuclear.conference@un.org), indicating the name and title of the speaker, as well as the topic they wish to speak on. The *list of speakers* will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that ministers and senior officials speak first, followed by other heads of delegation.

Delegations participating in the *general exchange of views* during the March session of the Conference are encouraged to limit their statements to *ten minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal of the Conference only after delivery by delegations. Also a minimum of *30 copies* of the text of statements to be delivered at the Conference should be submitted in advance to the Secretariat.

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Room S-3604, S-3633 or S-3639), if possible *not less than one week before Monday, 27 March 2017*. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Copies of the credentials should also be transmitted to the Protocol and Liaison Service (e-mail unprotocol@un.org; Room S-0201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Permanent representatives and observers are kindly requested to submit a *comprehensive list of the members of their delegation* to the Conference, including the functional titles and affiliations of each member, to the Secretariat of the Conference (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org; Room S-3058) *no later than Friday, 31 March 2017*. A final comprehensive list of delegations to the Conference will be issued in August 2017.

The *participation of non-governmental organizations* in the Conference shall be governed by the decision adopted by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017 (A/CONF.229/2017/4). A note by the Secretariat containing information for civil society representatives has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/2.

It is strongly recommended that documents submitted by States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities *should not exceed five pages* (2,650 words) to reduce costs, facilitate translation and ensure timely issuance. States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities are requested to submit documents in Microsoft Word format to the Conference Secretariat (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org). In light of the short timeframe in which the Conference will conduct its work, advance and unedited submissions may be posted in their original language on the Conference website maintained by the Office for Disarmament Affairs upon request, pending their issuance in six languages.

Limited space for lunchtime *side events* is available in the main conference room assigned to the Conference. Delegations wishing to hold a lunchtime side event in Conference Room 4 (27 to 31 March) or Conference Room 1 (15 June to 7 July) are invited to contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378), with a copy of the request to nuclear.conference@un.org. The available space will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the Conference website.

Disarmament Commission
2017 substantive session
3 to 21 April 2017

Monday, 3 April 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate are invited to kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The Secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail vrastiak@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the name(s) of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-seventh session
5 to 23 June 2017

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 19 May 2017*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (304 East 45th Street, Room FF-700; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eleventh session

Central African Republic configuration

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 Informal meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Economic and Social Council
2017 session

Briefing

Friday, 17 March 2017

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Bureau of the Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the programme of work of the Council for the period April to July 2017.

The President (Zimbabwe) will brief the Council on the preparations for the upcoming coordination and management meeting (19-20 April 2017), to be chaired by the Vice-President (Czech Republic). The Vice-President (Pakistan) will brief the Council on the preparations for the integration segment (8-10 May 2017) and the Vice-President (Germany) will brief the Council on the preparations for the humanitarian affairs segment (21-23 June 2017).

The President (Zimbabwe) will also brief the Council on the preparations relating to the partnership forum (5 April 2017), the special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters (7 April 2017), the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (15-16 May 2017), the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (22-25 May 2017), the special meeting on "Innovations for infrastructure development and promoting sustainable industrialization (31 May 2017), the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council (10-14 July 2017); and the high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (17-20 July 2017).

All are invited to attend. Additional information, including available documentation, relating to the meetings of the Council is available on the website of the Council (please *click here*).

Partnership Forum

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 2017 Partnership Forum on the theme "Partnerships for promoting opportunities, increased prosperity and sustainable development for all".

The forum will be interactive in nature and there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. Delegations are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail leonc@un.org), with copy to yogasundram@un.org, *as early as possible*. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum *no later than 12:00*, on Tuesday, 4 April 2017, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available from the website of the Economic and Social Council (please *click here*). For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Ajit Yogasundram (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; or tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)).

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

Friday, 7 April 2017

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The special meeting will be held pursuant to Council resolution 2017/2 and decision 2017/209. The special meeting will hold interactive discussions and a general discussion.

The interactive discussions will have a free-flowing format, with interventions limited to *three minutes*. There will be no list of speakers during the interactive discussions.

Requests for inscription to the *general discussion* to be held from 17:15 to 17:50 should be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org), with copy to Ms. Isabel Tañedo (e-mail tanedo@un.org)). Statements shall not exceed *three minutes* for individual delegations, and *five minutes* for groups.

PaperSmart services will be available to delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically. Please send a copy of the statement at *least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal (*click here*) after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

For further information on the special meeting, including the concept note and tentative programme, please *click* here, or contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; Room DC2-2186).

Coordination and management meeting
19 to 21 April 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than Thursday, 30 March 2017*, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (Attn: Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mails constablem@un.org and ecosocelections@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award
First regular meeting

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All members of the Committee are invited.

Committee for Development Policy
Nineteenth session
20-24 March 2017 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

For the agenda and other related documents of the nineteenth session of the Committee for Development Policy, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Teresa Lenzi, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail lenzi@un.org).

United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

High-level Committee on Programmes
Thirty-third session

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Friday, 17 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Commission on Population and Development
Fiftieth session

Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 April 2017 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2017/1 and E/CN.9/2017/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail giles@un.org, Room S-3066, with copy to leu@un.org).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 3 (General debate on: (a) Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the global, regional and national levels; and (b) Special theme of the fiftieth session of the Commission based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions to accelerate its further implementation), will be held from Monday, 3 April 2017 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2017/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For *statements and PaperSmart arrangements*, delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages (*click here*).

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least one hour* in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring 30 copies of their statements for technical services.

The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission, can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fifty-first session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fifty-first session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its fiftieth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Workshop on "Introductory Seminar on Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Monday, 20 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Interactive discussion on "Multilingualism, a Core Value of the United Nations, a Requirement for Efficiency" (on the occasion of the International Day of La Francophonie and the French Language Day at the United Nations) (organized by the International Organization of La Francophonie (IOF), in collaboration with the United Nations Secretariat-wide Coordinator for Multilingualism)

Monday, 20 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Dimitra Kritikou, IOF (e-mail dimitra.kritikou@francophonie.org or reper.new-york@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771); or *click here*.

Round-table discussion on "Preventive Diplomacy: A Soft Power Tool" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC))

Monday, 20 March 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 9

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mehrangez Rafieva, UNAOC (e-mail mehrangezr@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Panel discussion on "Developing Productive Capacity: Lessons Learned from Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" (organized by the Committee for Development Policy, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Matthias Bruckner, DESA (e-mail brucknerm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2137); or *click here*.

Briefing on "2017 Global Infrastructure Forum" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the European Investment Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact DESA (Mr. Arend Janssen (e-mail janssena@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5620); or Ms. Jie Wei (e-mail weij@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5105)); or *click here*.

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2017, as follows:

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (20 June 2017), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (*click here* for general information);

Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (22 June 2017), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information); and

Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (28 June 2017), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room S-1309). For any clarifications on these elections, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2017*:

Security Council documentation

Introduction to legal resources

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches (French)

Voting information (French)

Treaty research

Introduction to library services

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For further information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The *Repertoire* is available in the six official languages of the United Nations.

The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 13 March 2017

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

[archived video]

2nd meeting

The Chair of the Commission, His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota (Brazil), opened the meeting and reconvened the sixty-first session of the Commission.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item.

Appointment of the remaining members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women

The Chair reminded the Commission that, at its first meeting, on 24 March 2016, it had appointed Belarus, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia and Uruguay, to serve as members of the Working Group on Communications at the sixty-first session of the Commission, and postponed the election of the remaining member of the Working Group.

The Commission then proceeded to appoint Belgium to serve as a member of the Working Group.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Commission began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda (E/CN.6/2017/1) and approved its organization of work (E/CN.6/2017/1/Add.1/Rev.2), on the understanding that further adjustments may be made as the session progresses.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work

(ii) Review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: empowerment of indigenous women

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

The Commission began its consideration of the item as a whole.

Opening statements

Following a statement by the Chair, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the Economic and Social Council (Zimbabwe) and the President of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly addressed the Commission.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) made a statement and introduced the reports of the Secretary-General under the item.

The Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and the Director of the Conditions of Work and Equality Department of the International Labour Organization (on behalf of the Director-General of the International Labour Organization), also made introductory statements.

Youth representatives made a joint statement.

General discussion

The Commission began its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), El Salvador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Belgium (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cabo Verde, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Italy, Mongolia, Montenegro, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay (comprising the Group of Friends on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)) and Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

Statements were also made by the observers for Malta (on behalf of the European Union), Bahrain (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Cooperation), Slovenia (also on behalf of Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, Norway, Panama, South Africa (as observer-comprising the Human Security Network), Switzerland and Thailand) and Viet Nam (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

3rd meeting

The summary of the 3rd meeting of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Objection to the reservation made by Fiji upon ratification: *Netherlands* (13 March 2017)

Objection to the reservation made by Fiji upon ratification: Norway (13 March 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Cabo Verde
His Excellency José Luis Fialho Rocha

Asia-Pacific States
Malaysia
His Excellency M. Shahrul Ikram Yaakob

Eastern European States
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vlad Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States
Guatemala
His Excellency Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales

Western European and other States
Germany
His Excellency Harald Braun

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. The co-sponsorship of all draft resolutions and decisions in the General Assembly plenary now takes place via the General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship application in the e-deleGATE portal at http://delegate.un.int. Permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail gaplenarye-sponsorship@un.org) of those accredited delegates who should be granted access to General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship, using a registration form that was provided to the missions and is available on the General Assembly website (*click here*). Based on the information received, delegates will be issued a username and a password to access the Portal. Paper signature list for co-sponsorship will no longer be accepted. For questions on the submission of a *draft resolution or a draft decision* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044).

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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Requests should include the following language "I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item __". The letter must be sent to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in the original, with an original signature or stamp.

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For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

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Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

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Security Council

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Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011) concerning Libya

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Sixteenth session

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Wednesday, 15 March 2017

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Security Council

10:00 — 7898th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Maintenance of international peace and security

   Trafficking in persons in conflict situations: forced labour, slavery and other similar practices

   Letter dated 7 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2017/198)

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General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

10:00 2nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

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[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2017 and 28 February 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:

Lessons learned exercise on the coordination activities of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (A/70/737, A/70/737/Corr.1 and A/71/810)

Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/71/741, A/71/741/Corr.1 and A/71/822))

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2017 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 10:45 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Sub-Working Group 1

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 4

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 2

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/71/587, A/71/587/Add.1, A/71/658–S/2016/1018 and A/71/660–S/2016/1033) [item 7]

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Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat via the e-deleGATE electronic portal (https://delegate.un.int).

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda
2. United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-third session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 6

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

10:00 to 14:00 4th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/71/38, E/CN.6/2017/2, E/CN.6/2017/3, E/CN.6/2017/4, E/CN.6/2017/6, A/HRC/35/3, E/CN.6/2017/7, E/CN.6/2017/10, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/3 to E/CN.6/2017/NGO/131, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/220 and E/CN.6/2017/NGO/221) [item 3 as a whole]

Continuation of general discussion

[For the latest list of speakers, please *click here*.]

10:00 to 13:00 4th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and

action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Priority theme: women's empowerment in the changing world of work (E/CN.6/2017/3) [item 3 (a) (i)]

High-level interactive dialogue among ministers on "Building alliances to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the changing world of work"

[For the latest lists of expressions of interests, please *click here*.]

14:00 to 19:00 — 5th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/71/38, E/CN.6/2017/2, E/CN.6/2017/3, E/CN.6/2017/4, E/CN.6/2017/6, A/HRC/35/3–E/CN.6/2017/7, E/CN.6/2017/10, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/3 to E/CN.6/2017/NGO/131, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/220 and E/CN.6/2017/NGO/221) [item 3 as a whole]

Continuation of general discussion

[For the latest list of speakers, please *click here*.]

15:00 to 18:00 — 5th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2017/3 and E/CN.6/2017/4) [item 3 (a)]

Interactive dialogue with ministers on "Accelerating implementation of commitments to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls"

[For the latest lists of expressions of interests, please *click here*.]

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (please *click here*).

The *list of side events* on the occasion of the sixty-first session of the Commission is available by *clicking here*.

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Information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council* in the work of the Commission is available by *clicking here*. As requested in relevant resolutions, the *reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council* are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixty-first session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.]

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on oceans)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Monday, 20, and Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 Conference Room 2

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

15:00 **Conference Room 2**

Informal consultations on the zero draft of the "Call for Action" to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 March 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

10:00 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

15:00 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

The President of the General Assembly will convene a working-level dialogue to discuss improving the integration and coordination of the work of the United Nations on the water-related goals and targets under its sustainable development pillar, with a particular emphasis on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 February 2017 and 10 March 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

High-level Dialogue

Thursday, 23 March 2017

10:00 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

15:00 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

The President of the General Assembly will convene a High-level Dialogue entitled "Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Agenda". For more information on the event, please *click here*.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, and United Nations system entities, wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org)). Statements in the plenary debate should not exceed *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group and *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 February 2017 and 14 February 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Friday, 17 March 2017

11:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold an interactive conversation about the latest political developments and the current situation in the State of Palestine, with Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, on the margins of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

It is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations system entities, United Nations Secretariat and accredited civil society organizations, as well as to the media. To register, please *click here*.

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

Third session

27 March to 7 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.1 and A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

States representing Groups of States wishing to be inscribed on the *list of speakers* are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail salpin@un.org).

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the third session of the Preparatory Committee. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart8@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred. To access the PaperSmart of the Preparatory Committee, please *click here*.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hardcopies* of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour before* delivery of the statement.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the session can be consulted by *clicking here*.

United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination

27 to 31 March and 15 June to 7 July 2017

The United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/258 of 23 December 2016.

The agenda of the Conference and the timetable of meetings of the March session of the Conference are contained in documents A/CONF.229/2017/2 and A/CONF.229/2017/3, respectively.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants will be issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the *general exchange of views*, including the *high-level segment*, are requested to inscribe with the United Nations Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (nuclear.conference@un.org), indicating the name and title of the speaker, as well as the topic they wish to speak on. The *list of speakers* will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that ministers and senior officials speak first, followed by other heads of delegation.

Delegations participating in the *general exchange of views* during the March session of the Conference are encouraged to limit their statements to *ten minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal of the Conference only after delivery by delegations. Also a minimum of *30 copies* of the text of statements to be delivered at the Conference should be submitted in advance to the Secretariat.

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Room S-3604, S-3633 or S-3639), if possible *not less than one week before Monday, 27 March 2017*. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Copies of the credentials should also be transmitted to the Protocol and Liaison Service (e-mail unprotocol@un.org; Room S-0201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Permanent representatives and observers are kindly requested to submit a *comprehensive list of the members of their delegation* to the Conference, including the functional titles and affiliations of each member, to the Secretariat of the Conference (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org; Room S-3058) *no later than Friday, 31 March 2017*. A final comprehensive list of delegations to the Conference will be issued in August 2017.

The *participation of non-governmental organizations* in the Conference shall be governed by the decision adopted by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017 (A/CONF.229/2017/4). A note by the Secretariat containing information for civil society representatives has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/2.

It is strongly recommended that documents submitted by States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities *should not exceed five pages* (2,650 words) to reduce costs, facilitate translation and ensure timely issuance. States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities are requested to submit documents in Microsoft Word format to the Conference Secretariat (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org). In light of the short timeframe in which the Conference will conduct its work, advance and unedited submissions may be posted in their original language on the Conference website maintained by the Office for Disarmament Affairs upon request, pending their issuance in six languages.

Limited space for lunchtime *side events* is available in the main conference room assigned to the Conference. Delegations wishing to hold a lunchtime side event in Conference Room 4 (27 to 31 March) or Conference Room 1 (15 June to 7 July) are invited to contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378), with a copy of the request to nuclear.conference@un.org. The available space will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the Conference website.

Disarmament Commission
2017 substantive session
3 to 21 April 2017

Monday, 3 April 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate are invited to kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The Secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail vrastiak@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the name(s) of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-seventh session
5 to 23 June 2017

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 19 May 2017*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (304 East 45th Street, Room FF-700; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eleventh session

Central African Republic configuration

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 Informal meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Economic and Social Council
2017 session

Briefing

Friday, 17 March 2017

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Bureau of the Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the programme of work of the Council for the period April to July 2017.

The President (Zimbabwe) will brief the Council on the preparations for the upcoming coordination and management meeting (19-20 April 2017), to be chaired by the Vice-President (Czech Republic). The Vice-President (Pakistan) will brief the Council on the preparations for the integration segment (8-10 May 2017) and the Vice-President (Germany) will brief the Council on the preparations for the humanitarian affairs segment (21-23 June 2017).

The President (Zimbabwe) will also brief the Council on the preparations relating to the partnership forum (5 April 2017), the special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters (7 April 2017), the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (15-16 May 2017), the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (22-25 May 2017), the special meeting on "Innovations for infrastructure development and promoting sustainable industrialization (31 May 2017), the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council (10-14 July 2017); and the high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (17-20 July 2017).

All are invited to attend. Additional information, including available documentation, relating to the meetings of the Council is available on the website of the Council (please *click here*).

Partnership Forum

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 2017 Partnership Forum on the theme "Partnerships for promoting opportunities, increased prosperity and sustainable development for all".

The forum will be interactive in nature and there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. Delegations are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail leonc@un.org), with copy to yogasundram@un.org, *as early as possible*. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum *no later than 12:00*, on Tuesday, 4 April 2017, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available from the website of the Economic and Social Council (please *click here*). For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Ajit Yogasundram (e-mail yogasundram@un.org, or tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)).

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

Friday, 7 April 2017

10:00

Economic and Social Council Chamber

The special meeting will be held pursuant to Council resolution 2017/2 and decision 2017/209. The special meeting will hold interactive discussions and a general discussion.

The interactive discussions will have a free-flowing format, with interventions limited to *three minutes*. There will be no list of speakers during the interactive discussions.

Requests for inscription to the *general discussion* to be held from 17:15 to 17:50 should be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org), with copy to Ms. Isabel Tañedo (e-mail tanedo@un.org)). Statements shall not exceed *three minutes* for individual delegations, and *five minutes* for groups.

PaperSmart services will be available to delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically. Please send a copy of the statement at *least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal (*click here*) after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

For further information on the special meeting, including the concept note and tentative programme, please *click* here, or contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; Room DC2-2186).

Coordination and management meeting
19 to 21 April 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies on its subsidiary bodies at the coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than Thursday, 30 March 2017*, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Henry (Attn: Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mails constablem@un.org and ecosocelections@un.org)), by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275), or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award
First regular meeting

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting **Conference Room 9**

Kindly confirm your participation to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All members of the Committee are invited.

Committee for Development Policy
Nineteenth session
20-24 March 2017 Closed meeting **Conference Room 6**

For the agenda and other related documents of the nineteenth session of the Committee for Development Policy, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Teresa Lenzi, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail lenzi@un.org).

United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

High-level Committee on Programmes
Thirty-third session

Thursday, 16 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting **Conference Room 12**

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting **Conference Room 12**

Friday, 17 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting **Conference Room 12**

Commission on Population and Development
Fiftieth session

Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 April 2017 **Conference Room 4**

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2017/1 and E/CN.9/2017/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For participation and seating arrangements, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail gilesc@un.org, Room S-3066, with copy to leu@un.org).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 3 (General debate on: (a) Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the global, regional and national levels; and (b) Special theme of the fiftieth session of the Commission based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions to accelerate its further implementation), will be held from Monday, 3 April 2017 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2017/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For *statements and PaperSmart arrangements*, delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

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Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart@un.org *at least one hour* in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring 30 copies of their statements for technical services.

The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission, can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fifty-first session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fifty-first session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its fiftieth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Workshop on "Introductory Seminar on Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Monday, 20 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Interactive discussion on "Multilingualism, a Core Value of the United Nations, a Requirement for Efficiency" (on the occasion of the International Day of La Francophonie and the French Language Day at the United Nations) (organized by the International Organization of La Francophonie (IOF), in collaboration with the United Nations Secretariat-wide Coordinator for Multilingualism)

Monday, 20 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Dimitra Kritikou, IOF (e-mail dimitra.kritikou@francophonie.org or reper.new-york@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771); or *click here*.

Round-table discussion on "Preventive Diplomacy: A Soft Power Tool" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC))

Monday, 20 March 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 9

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mehrangez Rafieva, UNAOC (e-mail mehrangezr@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Panel discussion on "Developing Productive Capacity: Lessons Learned from Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" (organized by the Committee for Development Policy, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Matthias Bruckner, DESA (e-mail brucknerm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2137); or *click here*.

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (facilitation on the activation of the Courts jurisdiction over the crime of aggression)

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Briefing on "2017 Global Infrastructure Forum" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the European Investment Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact DESA (Mr. Arend Janssen (e-mail janssena@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5620); or Ms. Jie Wei (e-mail weij@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5105)); or *click here*.

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2017, as follows:

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (20 June 2017), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (*click here* for general information);

Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (22 June 2017), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information); and

Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (28 June 2017), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the

necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room S-1309). For any clarifications on these elections, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2017*:

Security Council documentation

Introduction to legal resources

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches (French)

Voting information (French)

Treaty research

Introduction to library services

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The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

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understanding of the framework in which it operates. The *Repertoire* is available in the six official languages of the United Nations.

The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 13 March 2017

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

[archived video]

2nd meeting

The Chair of the Commission, His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota (Brazil), opened the meeting and reconvened the sixty-first session of the Commission.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item.

Appointment of the remaining members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women

The Chair reminded the Commission that, at its first meeting, on 24 March 2016, it had appointed Belarus, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia and Uruguay, to serve as members of the Working Group on Communications at the sixty-first session of the Commission, and postponed the election of the remaining member of the Working Group.

The Commission then proceeded to appoint Belgium to serve as a member of the Working Group.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Commission began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda (E/CN.6/2017/1) and approved its organization of work (E/CN.6/2017/1/Add.1/Rev.2), on the understanding that further adjustments may be made as the session progresses.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work

(ii) Review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: empowerment of indigenous women

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

The Commission began its consideration of the item as a whole.

Opening statements

Following a statement by the Chair, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the Economic and Social Council (Zimbabwe) and the President of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly addressed the Commission.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) made a statement and introduced the reports of the Secretary-General under the item.

The Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and the Director of the Conditions of Work and Equality Department of the International Labour Organization (on behalf of the Director-General of the International Labour Organization), also made introductory statements.

Youth representatives made a joint statement.

General discussion

The Commission began its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), El Salvador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Belgium (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cabo Verde, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Italy, Mongolia, Montenegro, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay (comprising the Group of Friends on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)) and Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

Statements were also made by the observers for Malta (on behalf of the European Union), Bahrain (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Cooperation), Slovenia (also on behalf of Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, Norway, Panama, South Africa (as observer-

comprising the Human Security Network), Switzerland and Thailand) and Viet Nam (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

3rd meeting

The summary of the 3rd meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women will appear in the next issue of the *Journal*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Objection to the reservation made by Fiji upon ratification: Netherlands (13 March 2017)

Objection to the reservation made by Fiji upon ratification: Norway (13 March 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Cabo Verde
His Excellency José Luis Fialho Rocha

Asia-Pacific States
Malaysia
His Excellency M. Shahrul Ikram Yaakob

Eastern European States
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vlad Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States
Guatemala
His Excellency Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales

Western European and other States
Germany
His Excellency Harald Braun

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (b), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

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For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

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Security Council

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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 10 March 2017

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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A/71/824	Item 35 — Question of Palestine — Letter dated 30 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
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S/2017/10/Add.9 — Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

S/2017/155 — Identical letters dated 22 February 2017 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Egypt and Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

S/2017/156 — Letter dated 22 February 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

S/2017/173 — Identical letters dated 25 February 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

A/71/821–S/2017/185 — Identical letters dated 28 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

S/2017/193 — Letter dated 6 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *8 pages*

S/2017/197 — Letter dated 7 March 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

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